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City Council members consider fees

The New Castle City Council recently adopted an Ordinance which removes all references to fees for licenses and permits, etc. from the City Code. Wording in the Code which now replaces the specific dollar amounts for fees states that fees shall, from time to time, be set by Resolution of the City Council.

These proposed fees will be included in a Resolution at the next regular City Council meeting on September 8. Some of the fees proposed for the Resolution are the same as the fees which had been contained in the City Code. Other fees are proposed to increase, such as some of the following.

Important Reminders

**City offices will be closed
and there will no trash pickup
Mon., Sept. 7 (Labor Day)**

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule:

<u>Reg. Sched.</u>	<u>Revised Sched.</u>
Sept. 7	Sept. 8
Sept. 8	Sept. 9

Recycling Pickup
★ Wed., Sept. 9 ★
(not Tues., Sept. 8)

Regular Recycling Pickup
Schedule is also Sept. 22

Note: A full revised recycling
pickup schedule ran in the
August edition of the *New
Castle Crier* newsletter.

At a special
w o r k s h o p
meeting held on
August 18, City
Council mem-
bers tentatively
agreed on fees
to be set for a
variety of items.

Business licenses are proposed to increase as follows:

No. of Employees	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
1-3	\$ 30	\$ 40
4-8	\$ 50	\$ 75
9-20	\$100	\$175
21-50	\$200	\$300
51 or more	\$300	\$300

Building permits which had
been \$10 or \$20 are proposed to
increase to \$40 for any work val-
ued from \$250 to \$1,000.

The application fee for the His-
toric Area Commission (HAC) is
proposed to increase from \$5 to
\$30. Any exterior work within the
Historic District is required to be
approved by HAC.

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The next
regular
City Council
meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Sept. 8 at
Town Hall

September Events in New Castle

39th Annual Art on the Green

Arts and Crafts Show in Battery Park
Hosted by the New Castle Hundred Lions Club
September 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Featuring more than 300 Exhibitors
Free Parking and Shuttle Bus

Inquiries: Call (302) 328-LION (5466)

Rain Date: October 3

Rhythm on the River Wharf Dance

September 12 from 7 to 11 p.m. (End of Delaware Street)

\$15 in Advance ♦ \$18 at the Gate with no refunds

Purchase Tickets at Lauren Lynch Antiques
Food and Drinks Available for Purchase at the Event
Dance will be moved to Arsenal, in case of rain (Market St.)
This Event will Benefit the Library Capital Expansion
Must be at least 21 years old to attend.

New Castle – The First Capital City!

Fees

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A new schedule is proposed for Special Trash Fees, with some remaining the same and some increasing.

Fees for copies requested under Delaware's Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) are increasing from \$.25 or \$.35 per page to \$.50 per page. Further, the City will commence

charging for staff time relative to researching FOIA requests.

The current \$50 fee for a Certificate of Occupancy is proposed to increase to \$100 for new buildings and for additions to commercial or industrial buildings. The \$50 fee shall remain the same for additions to residential properties.

Anyone with comments or questions on the fees may contact the City Administrator at 322-9812, or e-mail comments to CathrynThomas@NewCastleCity.org.

Curfew law now in place

The New Castle City Council adopted an Ordinance at their meeting on July 14, which enacted a City Curfew Law. The new ordinance is now in effect and prohibits persons under 18 from being outside without adult supervision from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. from September 1 through May 31 and from midnight to 5 a.m. from June 1 through August 31.

The ordinance was adopted in an effort to address concerns expressed by residents about minors engaging in inappropriate, and sometimes illegal, activities in the overnight hours.

City tracks costs of June storm damage

The June 2 storm which caused significant damage to trees and properties also took its toll on City finances.

The total expense for City personnel, outside contractors and equipment came to more than \$11,000. That excludes the in-house cost of the use of City equipment, estimated to be nearly \$8,500.



Code Enforcement Corner

The City of New Castle Board of Health strives to keep properties in compliance with rules and codes. To report problems or file a complaint, call Code Enforcement Officer John Lloyd at 221-6507. Complaint forms are available on the City Web site at: www.NewCastleCity.org.

From the New Castle City Code...

Chapter 204, Article II

This Chapter covers requirements for proper disposal of trash and permitted times trash containers can be legally placed at the curb for pickup.

Chapter 204, Article III

This Chapter covers recycling, including yard waste, grass collection, branch collection, leaf collection and Christmas tree collection.

Chapter 140, Article III, Section 15A

This Chapter and Section provides that it shall be unlawful to park, store or permit to be parked or stored, other than fully enclosed in a building, any motor vehicle or off-highway vehicle, that is incapable of being moved under its own power (inoperable), or that does not have current registration plates attached to the vehicle.

Final Note

Please make sure all swimming pools are maintained clean and sanitary, whether in use or not.

City aims for street sweeping improvements

This fall, the City plans to step-up its street sweeping routine. This will involve public works crews temporarily designating no parking on sections of City streets. This, in turn, will allow the City's street sweeping equipment to better perform its operations. No parking notices are planned to be posted a day in advance, to give residents a chance to move vehicles.

Residents are advised that these operations may also include some tree trimming. Low hanging tree branches over the sides of streets impede the street sweeper's performance.

For residents of The Strand, this street is not conducive to the City's automatic street sweeping machine. City crews will attempt to periodically perform cleaning operations using alternative methods.